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REMARKS

Examiner has found Claims 16-18 to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In order to proceed to patent allowance with respect to the allowable subject matter of Claims 16-18, Applicant has amended independent base Claim 3 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent Claim 16, and has cancelled Claim 16. Further, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-2 and 4-13. Remaining Claims 14-15 and 17-19 each depend from amended Claim 3.

Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue prosecution of all cancelled subject matter in a continuation, continuation-in-part and/or divisional application filed during the pendency of the present application.

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CONCLUSION

Examiner has allowed the subject matter of Claims 16-18, wherein Applicant's amendment herein has amended claim 3 to incorporate the subject matter of previous claim 16, and wherein all remaining claims depend therefrom. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the application proceed to issuance in view of the cancellation of Claims 1-2 and 4-13, without prejudice. Applicant may elect to pursue further examination of said cancelled claims in a related application filed during the pendency hereof.

The above-made amendments are to form only and thus, no new matter was added. Applicant respectfully believes that the above-made amendments to the claims now place the application in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any further questions and/or comments, Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned Attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted, this 6th day of April, 2009.

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